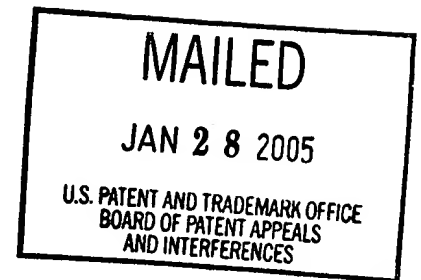


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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte NEAL G. SKINNER

Application 09/932,639



ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI) on November 22, 2004. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below.

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed on February 19, 2004 (Paper No. 12). It is not apparent from the record that the examiner has considered the statement submitted nor notified applicant of why the submission did not meet the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.197 and 1.98.

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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the examiner: 1) for consideration of the IDS; 2) for written notification to applicant regarding the action taken; and 3) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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